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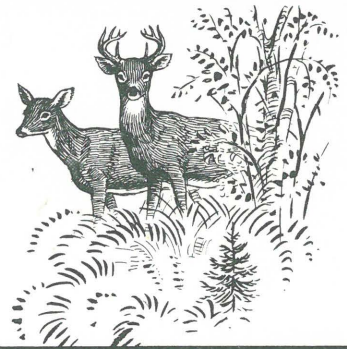
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DECEMBER 23, 1963

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE DEC. 7:

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: RABBIT HUNTERS ARE OUT IN GOOD NUMBERS AND HAVING GOOD LUCK. NOT SEEING MANY DEER SIGNS.

WARDEN MELL RANDALL, LIVERMORE: DEER HERDS IN THIS DISTRICT ARE WORKING THE APPLE ORCHARDS AND DAMAGING HUNDREDS OF YOUNG APPLE TREES. AN ABUNDANCE OF DEER IN MANY AREAS. PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD FOR 1964.

WARDEN ORAL D. PAGE, BELGRADE: ANOTHER GOOD COLD SNAP WOULD PROBABLY GIVE ENOUGH ICE FOR ICE FISHING ON SOME OF THE SMALLER PONDS. STILL GETTING DOG COMPLAINTS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS F. COOPER, DIV. I, STOCKHOLM DEC. 1:

WARDEN LEONARD PELLETIER, ST. FRANCIS: DEER ARE BEGINNING TO SHOW UP ALONG THE WOODS ROADS IN THIS DISTRICT, SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T DO DURING THE OPEN SEASON.

WARDEN ROBERT RONDEAU, SINCLAIR: SMELT FISHING IS FAIR AT THE SINCLAIR END OF LONG LAKE, BUT THE LAKE IS NOT COMPLETELY FROZEN AT THIS TIME.

SUPERVISOR COOPER: THERE SEEMS TO BE A MIXED REACTION REGARDING OUR DEER HERD AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. I TALKED WITH WILLARD JALBERT, SR., WHO RUNS SPORTING CAMPS AT ROUND POND ON THE ALLAGASH, AND HE STATED THAT HIS PARTIES HAD FINE HUNTING THIS FALL. WILBERT HOLMQUIST, WHO WORKED WITH WARDEN PHILIP DUMOND AT ESTCOURT, STATED THAT THERE WERE LOTS OF DEER LEFT. WARDEN JOHN ROBERTSON OF ALLAGASH REPORTS THAT THE FAWN AND DOE KILL WAS VERY LOW IN HIS DISTRICT.

SOME HUNTERS REPORT SEEING MORE MOOSE THAN DEER. DURING THE LATER PART OF THE SEASON, THREE PERSONS WERE ROUTED BY TWO DIFFERENT BULL MOOSE. ONE MOOSE WAS AT T.10, R.15, NEAR ROSS LAKE; AND THE OTHER, A SPIKE-HORN AT T.11, R.15, PICKED ON ONE PERSON IN AN OPEN CUTTING. IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE HUNTER TO FIRE TWO SHOTS IN THE GROUND, BEFORE TAKING OFF FOR HIS CAR. THE MOOSE FOLLOWED HIM TO WITHIN 200 YARDS OF HIS VEHICLE.

THE ANIMAL THEN CAME UP TO WITHIN 40 FEET OF ANOTHER PERSON, WHO THREW SNOWBALLS AND STICKS AT IT WITHOUT CHANGING ITS MIND OR DIRECTION IN ANY WAY. IT WAS THEN THAT THIS PERSON CLIMBED ON A HIGH STUMP NEAR A LARGE BIRCH TREE AND READIED HIS RIFLE. AFTER EIGHT OR 10 MINUTES THE ANIMAL PASSED BY BUT MADE NO FALSE MOVES. HOWEVER, IT DID NOT LEAVE THE AREA FIRST -- HE DID.

FROM SUPERVISOR COOPER, DEC. 8: OUR DEER KILL IN THIS DIVISION WAS NEARLY 50 PER CENT LESS THAN ONE YEAR AGO. IT LOOKS AS IF THE COUNT

WOULD BE 1509 AS AGAINST 2812 LAST YEAR. THE RATIO IS ALMOST THREE BUCKS TO ONE DOE. WE HAD 794 NONRESIDENTS REGISTERING DEER THIS YEAR, AND 716 RESIDENTS. I BELIEVE WE HAVE A GOOD DEER HERD LEFT AT THE END OF THIS SEASON.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR JACK SHAW, DIV E, STRONG, NOV. 23:

WHILE ON A LOST HUNTERS SEARCH A WHILE BACK IN THE EUSTIS AREA OF REED BROOK I OBSERVED A RABBIT JUMP OFF A BRIDGE INTO A SMALL BROOK. THE ANIMAL WENT UNDER THE BRIDGE WITH THE CURRENT, AND WHEN WE LOOKED AGAIN HE WAS SWIMMING STRONGLY UPSTREAM AGAINST THE CURRENT AND WENT ASHORE. DURING A PERIOD OF 25 YEARS AROUND THE WOODS, I HAD NEVER BEFORE SEEN A RABBIT SWIM. THIS ONE REALLY PUT THE FINS RIGHT ON. ALL WILD ANIMALS, I BELIEVE, CAN SWIM WHEN THEY HAVE TO, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT LIKE THE WATER.

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CHIEF WARDEN MAYNARD F. MARSH RELATES A RECENT PAINSTAKING INVESTIGATION WHICH HE SAYS MERITS PRAISE FOR THE WARDENS INVOLVED. WARDEN DON WALKER OF BINGHAM AND HIS SUPERVISOR, WALLACE BARRON OF CARATUNK, WERE LOOKING FOR A LOST HUNTER IN THE BRIGHTON AREA. TWO OTHER HUNTERS SHOWED UP AFTER A WHILE WITH THE LOST MAN ACCOMPANYING THEM, SO THE SEARCH WAS OVER. ONE OF THE PAIR SHOWED THE WARDENS A LONG TEAR IN THE FRONT OF HIS SHIRT AND MENTIONED A CLOSE CALL. SAID ANOTHER HUNTER HAD MISTAKEN HIM FOR A DEER, BUT HE HADN'T REPORTED IT AS HIS ONLY INJURY WAS A SLIGHT CREASE ON HIS CHEST. HE DESCRIBED WHERE THE SHOOTER HAD BEEN STAYING, AND WARDEN WALKER RECALLED CHECKING THE MAN A FEW DAYS PREVIOUSLY. HE HAD KILLED A DEER WHICH WAS HANGING UP AT THE CAMP.

WALKER AND BARRON STARTED A SERIES OF CHECKS WITH GAME INSPECTION STATIONS AND SOME TIME LATER FOUND THE SHOOTER'S NAME AND ADDRESS. HE WAS CHARGED WITH TWO LAW VIOLATIONS: NEGLIGENTLY SHOOTING A HUMAN BEING, AND HUNTING FOR DEER AFTER HAVING KILLED ONE.

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